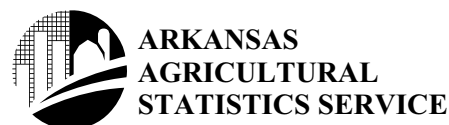


ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



Released: July 27, 2005

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

10800 Financial Centre Parkway
Suite 110
Little Rock, AR 72211
(501) 228-9926
<http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar/>

ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 6 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

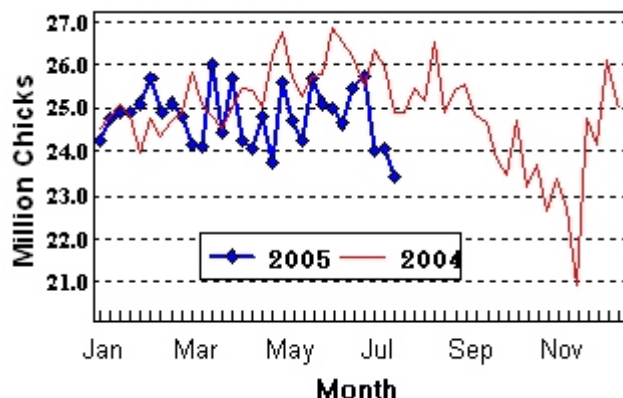
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 23.4 million during the week ending July 23, 2005. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week in 2004, and down 3 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.6 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through July 23, 2005 were 743.8 million, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 25.0 million, down 4 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down slightly from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.9 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.4 percent.

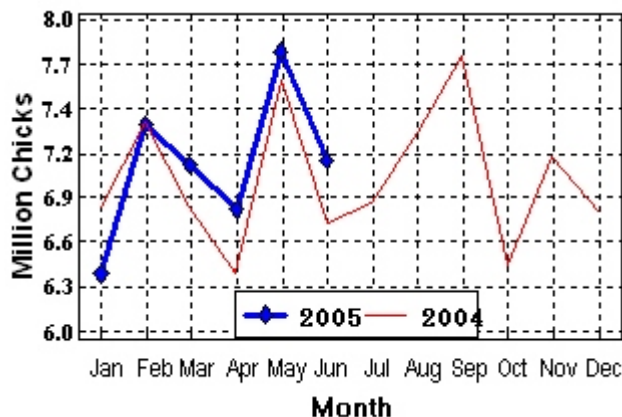
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 30.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending July 23, 2005, down 3 percent from the same period last year, but up 1 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **UNITED STATES** placed 7.1 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during June 2005, up 3 percent from June 2004.

ARKANSAS BROILER CHICK PLACEMENTS
BY WEEK, 2004- 2005



U.S. BROILER-TYPE PULLET CHICKS PLACED
FOR DOMESTIC HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS



NET PLACEMENTS IN ARKANSAS

Week Ending	Year		% Change
	2004	2005	
	1,000		
Jun. 18	26,556	24,643	93
Jun. 25	26,166	25,470	97
Jul. 2	25,484	25,763	101
Jul. 9	26,353	24,035	91
Jul. 16	25,933	24,077	93
Jul. 23	24,888	23,439	94

U.S. PULLET CHICKS PLACED

Month	Year		% Change
	2004	2005	
	1,000		
Jan.	6,811	6,409	94
Feb.	7,340	7,325	100
Mar.	6,815	7,077	104
Apr.	6,402	6,800	106
May	7,590	7,783	103
Jun.	6,890	7,109	103

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2005

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	02-Jul	09-Jul	16-Jul	23-Jul		18-Jun	25-Jun	02-Jul	09-Jul	16-Jul	23-Jul	
Alabama	31,374	31,272	31,768	31,918	104	22,158	21,560	22,088	21,748	21,383	21,943	101
ARKANSAS	30,301	30,623	30,603	30,862	97	24,643	25,470	25,763	24,035	24,077 *	23,439	94
Delaware	3,798	3,974	4,073	4,070	112	5,999	5,822	5,913	5,978	6,395	4,147	83
Florida	1,377 *	1,384	1,384	1,380	103	1,536	1,482	1,516	1,502	1,489	1,445	118
Georgia	31,950 *	33,436	33,337	33,045	100	26,841	28,280	27,057 *	27,700	27,277	26,025	96
Kentucky	7,046 *	7,138	7,114	7,104	98	6,025	6,222	5,563	5,840	5,891 *	5,869	98
Louisiana	4,042	4,135	4,135	4,135	105	4,134	4,057	3,801	4,204	4,055	4,120	101
Maryland	9,022	9,022	8,938	8,950	100	5,009	5,533	5,471	5,284	4,830	6,545	118
Mississippi	19,191	19,165	19,101	19,099	96	17,160	17,212	17,248	17,297	17,350	17,139	100
N. Carolina	17,396 *	17,511 *	18,350	17,851	96	15,311	14,998	15,896	15,010 *	15,103	14,258	104
Oklahoma	6,563	6,282	6,563 *	6,676	100	4,999	5,405	4,761	5,531	5,600 *	5,120	87
Pennsylvania	3,774 *	4,117 *	4,045 *	4,248	113	2,997	2,963	2,965 *	2,973 *	2,984 *	2,571	92
S. Carolina	5,283	5,052	4,971	5,136	133	4,927	4,605	4,337	3,975	4,544	4,486	118
Texas	14,584	15,329	15,208	15,199	98	12,937	12,972	13,002 *	12,964 *	12,881	12,302	97
Virginia	6,226	6,491	6,062	6,474	94	5,455	5,496	5,108	4,734	5,209 *	5,143	95
CA,MO,TN,WV	17,530 *	17,243	18,260 *	17,932	102	17,421	16,085	17,545	17,780	16,633 *	17,318	106
Total 2005	209,457 *	212,174 *	213,912 *	214,079		177,552	178,162	178,034 *	176,555 *	175,701 *	171,870	
Total 2004	210,618	211,359	214,348	213,160		175,598	175,595	176,751	176,620	176,174	173,185	
%Prev. Year	99	100	100	100		101	101	101	100	100	99	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						06-Aug	13-Aug	20-Aug	27-Aug	03-Sep	10-Sep	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 214 million eggs during the week ending July 23, 2005. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 23, 2005. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through July 23, 2005 were 5.11 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.